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1. The Republic of Cuba recognises the importance of the international cooperation in all areas of the Chemical Weapons Convention (“the Convention”), including the implementation of Article XI, as one of the pillar of the Convention and one of the priorities of the OPCW.
2. The full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of all provisions of the Convention requires a systematic evaluation at the OPCW of national implementation measures of all provisions of the Convention.
3. The high priority given by States Parties to the role that the OPCW can play in the economic and technological development of the States Parties in the implementation of Article XI was demonstrated again during the preparatory process for the Fourth Review Conference and that it was held with the active participation of the delegations in the debates and with the presentation of important proposals by States parties on this issue.
4. The economic and technological development through international cooperation are fundamental to achieving the object and purpose of the Convention and also it was recognised in the Annual Review and Evaluation Workshops, which are a useful platform to discuss and to advance on agreed proposals on this subject for its presentation to the Policy Making Organs (PMO), as referred in item 2(d)(iii) of decision C-16/DEC.10, dated 1 December 2011.
5. The Facilitation of Article XI is called to play a vital role in fostering the deliberation and preparations of recommendations on implementation of Article XI, taking into account the previous decisions and proposals existing at the OPCW. In this regard, the Cuban delegation to the OPCW calls to States Parties to consider and evaluate the following proposals:
 - To support the Facilitation of Article XI as a suitable mechanism for developing a preparatory process of the future Annual Review and Evaluation Workshops of the Components of an Agreed Framework for the full implementation of Article XI.
 - To recognise that the preparatory process in the Facilitation should decide on a time framework, modalities, themes, agenda, and the appropriate budgetary resources of



the Annual Review and Evaluation Workshops with the aim to improve the Organisation and performance of these Annual Workshops.

6. The delegation of Cuba to the OPCW emphasises the necessity to systematise the meetings of the Facilitation of Article XI during the year with a concrete schedule and a programme of work, which allows the consideration in details the C-16/DEC.10 and the presentation of recommendations for its implementation to the Policy Making Organs (PMO), as well as agreed ideas and proposals emerged from previous Workshops.
7. The delegation of Cuba to the OPCW reaffirms the necessity to strengthen the links between the Policy Making Organs (PMO) and the Facilitation process, in order to decide, as appropriate, additional measures which should contribute to advance in the implementation of Article XI and guarantee the implementation of decision C-16/DEC.10.

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